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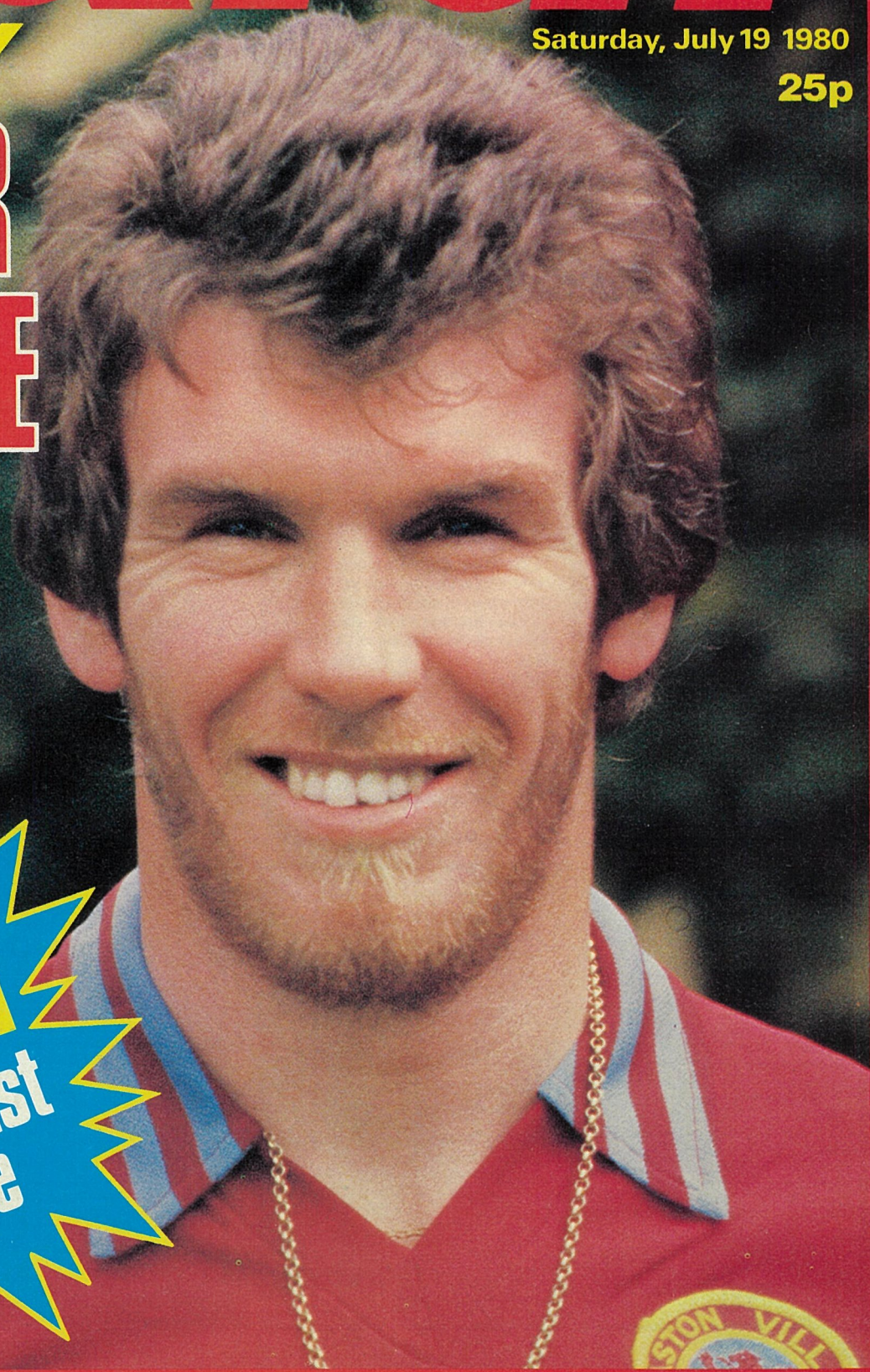
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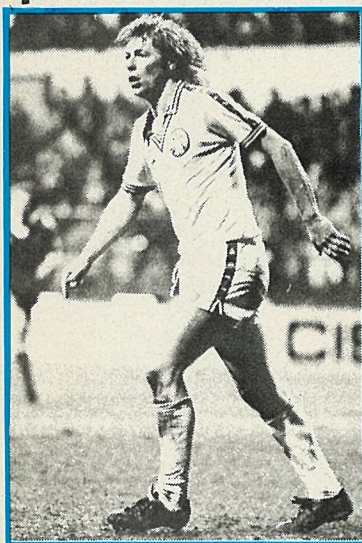
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HIGHLIGHTS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS

I want my England place back

Brian Greenhoff Leeds United



THE highlight of last season? I'm tempted to say there was none because things just did not go well for Leeds, but our victory against Manchester United in our last game stands out in my mind.

We played really well and it was especially nice for me because it was against my old team. After so many bad results it was great to end the season knowing we could still beat the top sides.

It's easier to talk about my disappointments. Injuries were at the centre of the problems. Injuries to the team prevented Leeds fielding a settled side and our performances suffered.

And injuries meant that I only started in about 20 games for Leeds after my move from Old Trafford. One of my ambitions is to steer clear of trouble next season.

West Ham's FA Cup victory stands out for me as the best thing that happened in the football world.

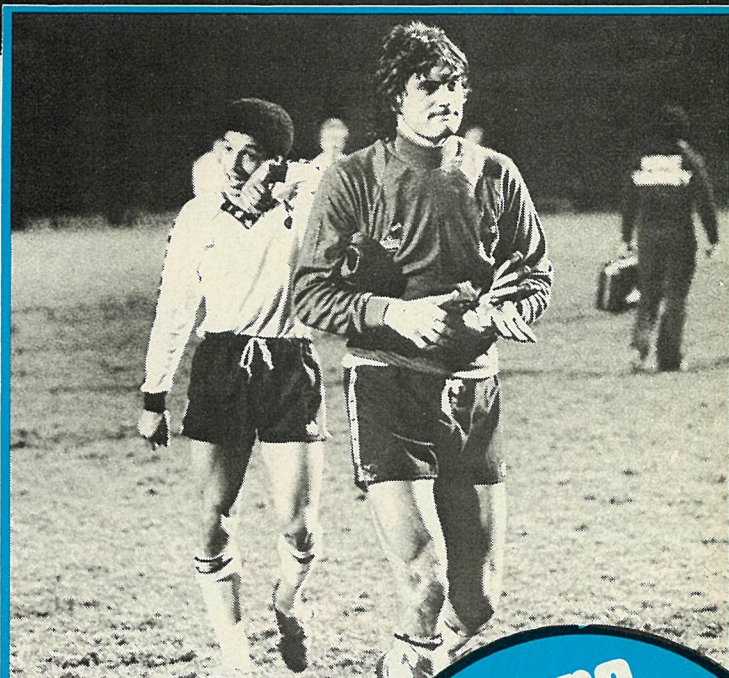
It's great when a team that devotes itself to the good side of the game triumphs. West Ham have always tried to play football and deserve their success.

Brother Jimmy's comeback when everybody was writing him off was another high spot.

I've spoken to him many times during the close season and he's raring to go again — fully refreshed after the break.

My hopes for next season are to get back into the England squad. That's something I really want.

Left: Brian Greenhoff — don't mention injuries in his company!



Glenn Hoddle walks off the field in the Spurs' goalkeeper jersey after helping to keep Manchester United at bay in the FA Cup third round replay in which Spurs' keeper Aleksic was carried off.

Glenn Hoddle Tottenham

MY debut for England against Bulgaria was the moment I'll remember more than any other.

It was always an ambition to play for my country but I was surprised how quickly my chance came. And to score England's second goal was the icing on the cake.

Tottenham's highlight was our FA Cup run which took us to the quarter-finals before Liverpool knocked us out.

I'll never forget our third-round replay win against Manchester United. We were superb at Old Trafford that night and even had to overcome the blow of losing our 'keeper Milija Aleksic. I ended up between the sticks and kept a clean sheet!

That Cup run also figures as our biggest disappointment because the way we went out to Liverpool was a big blow.

We just did not raise our game on the day — and that's

Spurs fans deserve European football

what Cup football is all about.

A personal disappointment was being part of the England squad in Italy and not getting to the final. It was terrific to be with the squad, especially as I wasn't picked until the last minute. But once I was out there I really wanted to see England do well.

West Ham's victory over Arsenal in the FA Cup was the best moment for football. In any sport everybody likes to see the underdog win and success gives hope to all the other non-First Division sides.

Looking ahead to the new season my first ambition is to play well for Tottenham — and then more England call-ups may come my way.

I sincerely hope Tottenham do better in the league next season. We've got to aim to get back into Europe. Our fans deserve it after missing out for several years.

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A magic moment for Wolves' Willie Carr (left) in the League Cup Final against Nottingham Forest. Seconds later the ball was in the net and although this effort was disallowed Wolves still went on to win and no-one was more delighted than Carr.

Willie Carr Wolves

WINNING the League Cup has to be the best moment from last season. It was the first time I had played at Wembley so I realised my life-long ambition and it was even better than I thought it would be.

It was the first bit of real success in my career and it was a marvellous feeling. The team did well in the League too, finishing sixth. I think we did better than anyone outside the club thought we would. I'm sure some people would have laughed if we had said we would achieve so much at the start of the season.

As far as disappointments go the biggest has to be losing to Watford in the FA Cup so soon after reaching the final of the League Cup. We went out of the FA Cup too easily.

I was disappointed with our

home form in the League last season. If we could have done better at Molineux we might have been well up at the top. I don't think moving the pitch helped too much. I know it's the same for both sides but the home team is the one under pressure to do well.

Looking forward to next season I just hope Wolves can do as well again and have a good run in Europe. It's nice to win things. The League Cup win was the first real success I have ever known and I don't see any reason why we can't enjoy more successes next season. I don't think the two gaffers will allow us to slip.

I'm hoping for a better run in the FA Cup and of course I want Scotland to qualify for the World Cup in Spain in 1982.

Wembley was better than I dreamed

Four stars reveal their high and low points of last season — and their hopes for next.

Joe Jordan Manchester United

IN MY book a real highlight is when you win something — and we didn't do that at United last season.

But we were consistent over the year — always in the top two — and that's what makes an established side.

I had an ankle ligament injury earlier in the season which kept me out of the team but I don't think my form has ever been so consistent as it was when I came back from that. It won me the 'Player of the Year' award at Old Trafford.

Nottingham Forest retaining the European Cup and Arsenal doing as well as they did in Europe and at home was good from a general point of view.

I was disappointed for Arsenal because they didn't win anything. It must have been heartbreaking for the players but at least they were involved and getting to Wembley three years running is not bad!

Not winning the League was the biggest disappointment at United. You can always look back and say we should have done this or that but we had the opportunity and let it slip. It was very disappointing to lose out by just two points however.

Scotland getting beat by England is always a disappointment. The international team never really clicked and we have got to keep working at it and make sure everyone is ready for the qualifying games in the World Cup.

Our opening game is against Sweden and more than anything we want a good result. Sweden have an impressive record in the qualifying rounds and we have some tough opposition in our section — it's vital we get off to a good start.

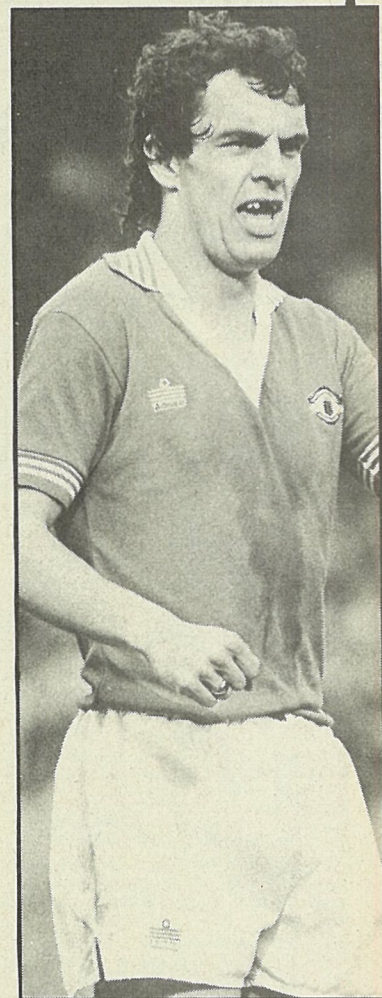
Of course we are going for a hat-trick — qualification for the third year running — but I want to see the team winning to make up for the disappointment of last time.

Success at United is important next season too. We have got to improve on last year and get a trophy or two. I think if a team is going to win the League it must win all the

I've never been so consistent

home games. We lost one at Old Trafford last year and we can start by improving on that.

From a personal point of view I just hope I can stay clear of injury and get on the scoresheet a bit more.



Joe Jordan in typically determined mood against Liverpool last season — he's after some silverware next term.

Match Chat

WE all have our heroes on the football field — but strangely enough I don't think any of us ever consider that the stars too had their boyhood idols.

We've been talking to some of them this week to find out exactly whose pictures were pinned on their bedroom walls when they were still at school.

John Richards, of Wolves, and Alan Devonshire, West Ham, share a joint hero — the legendary Jimmy Greaves. It was because of this super scorer that Richards has become a lifelong Tottenham Hotspur fan.

And there's Luther Blissett, Watford, who idolised George Best and Manchester United — yet never got to Old Trafford until he scored the two goals which knocked Super Reds out of the League Cup a couple of years back.

All three stars are in this week's issue talking about the men they loved to follow. It's great reading.

But what I want to know now is who you, the readers, love to follow. Who is your own personal hero — and why!

Write in and let us know and we'll be happy to pay £2 for each letter printed — with £10 for the star letter.

And just to make it more interesting, tell us about your dad's schoolboy idol — if he can remember!

One last point. Include a black and white photo of yourself, if possible. We can't guarantee to send them back — but it would be nice to know what some of you look like! Send to My 'Hero', Match Weekly, Midgate House, Peterborough.

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SUN-TANNED Ian Wallace didn't mind breaking off his summer holiday in St Tropez one bit to sign for European champions Nottingham Forest in a £1.25million deal.

Coventry's 24-year-old Scottish striker was informed of Forest's interest while he relaxed in the South of France, but less than 24-hours later he had completed the transfer and was on his way back to the sun.

Not surprisingly, Brian Clough's lightning move almost took the Sky Blues goalscorer's breath away.

He admitted: "The whole business came right out of the blue. One minute I was on holiday wondering if I would get a move before the start of the season and the next I was on my

way back to England to sign for Forest.

"There are not many clubs who could have offered me what Forest can — and that's the chance to win something in the game.

"I am ambitious and felt that Coventry were an average sort of side at the moment and not likely to win anything at least for a few years. With Forest it's almost guaranteed and I feel fairly certain that I will win a medal of some description next season.

"As soon as I spoke to Brian Clough it didn't take me long to agree terms. I'm just relieved that my future has been sorted out and that I can look forward to a big challenge next season."

Glasgow-born Wallace moved to Coventry in a £75,000 deal from Dumbarton and has since

'Hibernian will bounce up' — Ormond

Now the Doog joins TV.

DEREK Dougan has joined the growing band of ex-footballing TV presenters. The former Blackburn, Villa, Portsmouth, Leicester, Peterborough and Wolves striker, who scored 50 goals for Northern Ireland will host Yorkshire TV's Saturday night soccer show next season.

Angry Steve

STEVE Cram, the rising new star of British athletics as our nearest challenger to Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett, took up running only because he was angry at once being substituted during a football match. Originally he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Bobby Cram, who made more than 100 appearances for West Brom in the sixties, captained Colchester and is now a soccer coach in Canada.

WHEN Willie Ormond decided to quit as Scotland's team boss back in 1977 everyone thought he was opting for the quiet life. What a joke that turned out to be!

For having laid the foundation which took Hearts back to a spot in the Premier Division he has now switched his attention back to his old love Hibs.

The job of taking Hibs back into the top grade will cost the club around £200,000. And chairman Tom Hart has no doubt he will make it. "The simple fact is we have to come up in one go," he says. "I am absolutely confident that in Willy Ormond we have the man with the experience and know-how to do that. He can rest assured he will get all the necessary backing from me."

Ormond himself has a very simple attitude to the daunting task facing him.

"I never shirked a challenge as a player nor as a manager," he says. "I was part of the Hibs set-up in the great days of the 1950's and obviously I have a great feeling for the club. I think we have the players to take us up in

a year and that is my immediate objective."

While Hibs aim to get back among the elite the problem for Hearts is to consolidate their newly-won Premier status.

A problem for manager Bobby Moncur is the refusal of midfielder Cammie Fraser and forward Malcolm Robertson to sign new contracts. More players are free to move on but so far have had no concrete offers.

"At Tynecastle we have worked out a new deal which means that players who stay with the club for a period of 4, 7 or 10 years will get a lump sum and for every year after that will get an agreed figure" said Moncur.

"It is a breakthrough which means the club will be able to keep the players they feel are essential to the future."

Swindon's starter

Blackpool open their league account at Swindon on August 16, and are likely to face Colin Barratt, signed recently on a free-transfer from Nottingham Forest.

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WALLACE SO SURPRISED BY FOREST MOVE!

scored 57 goals in 128 League games.

Said Clough: "It was essential to maintain the standards we have set at this club over the last five years and to do that it was necessary to buy someone who could get goals once I heard that Trevor Francis would probably be out of football for the rest of the year.

"I am certain that Ian Wallace will be a superb buy for Forest. I bought him for nothing more than his ability to put the ball in the back of the net — it's a very

special talent."

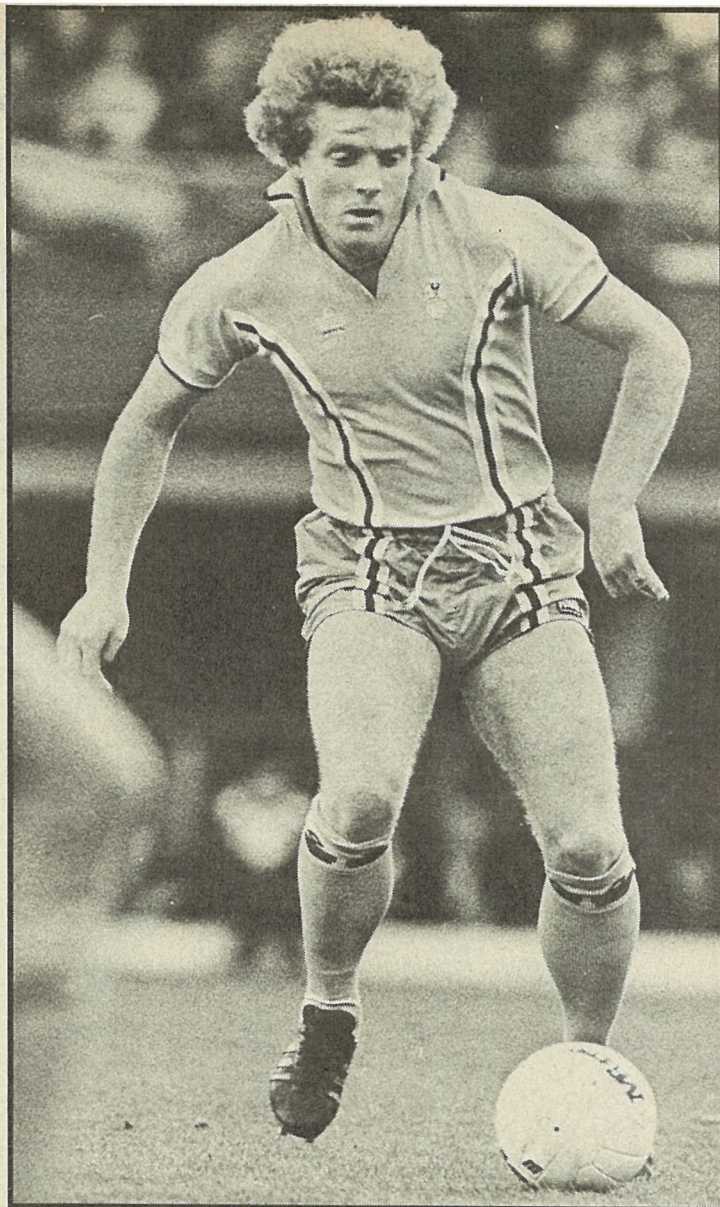
The transfer took Forest's spending to the £1.5 mark in three days following the £230,000 signing of Raimondo Ponte from Grasshoppers Zurich.

The 25-year-old Swiss international commented: "I am sure that joining the European champions can make me a better player and I am really looking forward to settling down in English football."

Right; Ian Wallace . . . transfer to Forest took him by surprise

● **STEWART** Houston, Manchester United's and Scotland's experienced defender, has agreed to join Sheffield United on a free-transfer, given in the recognition of his services at Old Trafford.

● **STEVE** Foster has joined Mark Lawrenson as the second Brighton player to be given a 10 year contract. Foster, 22, joined the Seagulls from Portsmouth in 1978 for £100,000.



The cornflake kid — that's Ray

WEST HAM'S £400,000 full back Ray Stewart (above) is known as the cornflake kid — with a good reason.

The youngster is addicted to the breakfast cereal to such an extent that he goes through several packets a week.

It all started when Ray's mum decided to have a few days holiday and left him to cook for himself. Too lazy to even boil an egg he lived on a diet of cornflakes and has been hooked ever since.

'Foolish' to sign Francis say Barcelona

BARCELONA have rejected Nottingham Forest's terms for the £1.3m transfer of Trevor Francis.

They claimed they "would look foolish in the eyes of the world" if they paid that sort of money for a player who was still on crutches.

The England striker snapped an achilles tendon minutes from the end of Forest's 4-0 home defeat of Crystal Palace on May 3 in which he had scored twice.

Francis has been recovering in the South of France with his foot in plaster and has been examined by Barcelona's medical specialists with a view to a possible move in the autumn.

Forest were insisting on an end of June deadline for the transfer to give them time to replace the player before the start of the season, but the Barcelona club

doctor said that while he was impressed with the player's rate of recovery he could not recommend an immediate signing.

The decision does not necessarily mean the end of Barcelona's interest. They say they will take another look at Francis when he has fully recovered, which the player is confident will be about October.

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FOURTH Division Bury have appointed Jim Iley to replace Dave Connor as manager. Iley, a former Newcastle and Forest player who has also been in charge at Peterborough, Blackburn and Barnsley, was appointed after the club's board had failed to lure former Bolton manager Ian Greaves back into football.

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PETER Withe is hungry for more success ... and he's convinced that Aston Villa are the club to satisfy that appetite.

The big bustling number nine has already tasted life at the top under Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest.

Now he's ready for the ultimate challenge again after spending two years in the Second Division with Newcastle United.

And he's confident that Villa Park is the ideal stage on which to make his First Division comeback and revive the glory days.

"Aston Villa are a good, big club with a good set up and a good team.

"I certainly think they can challenge for the League Championship next season.

"If I didn't believe that I wouldn't have signed for them," Withe told Match Weekly.

Everton and Leeds also came in for the services of the 28-year-old striker when his contract came up at the end of last season but he's in no doubt that he made the right choice.

"I'm not getting any younger

'Villa can

and I decided a move was in my best interests.

"I just felt I wanted First Division football again and I'm sure that Villa are going places.

"I tasted success with Forest and I want it again.

"I feel Villa are a club that can give me what I want."

The signing of Withe ended Villa manager Ron Saunders' long search to find a replacement for Andy Gray and it took a club record fee of £500,000 to get the man he wanted.

Neither the fee nor the fact he's replacing an old Villa Park favourite worries Withe however.

"Ron told me he needed a target man up front to replace Andy.

"It was a similar situation when I went to Newcastle to replace Malcolm MacDonald.

"It never worried me there and I felt I won the fans over.



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"They were really tremendous to me and if there is one thing I feel sorry about it's saying goodbye to them.

"All I can do is my best.

"Regards the fee, it's a record for the club but that is something the clubs agree between themselves.

"I am probably under a third of the pressure that Andy Gray was under when he moved. It doesn't bother me.

"There are so many good young players at Villa mixed with experienced professionals.

"Gordon Cowans has come on tremendously since I was last in the Midlands.

"Then of course they have

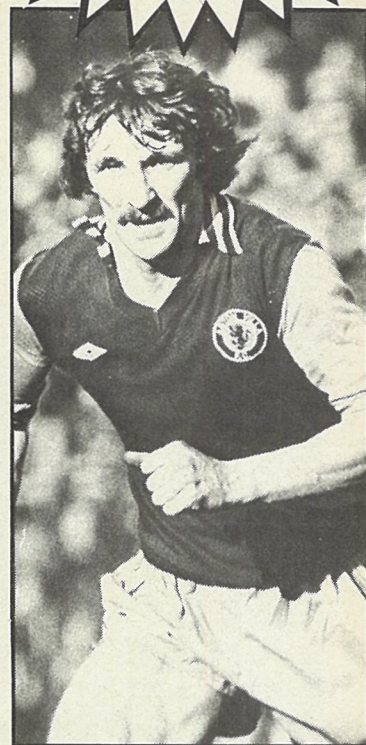
Brian Little, a former England international, and players like Des Bremner and Allan Evans — there is such a great depth of talent coming through.

"There's a really good blend in the side.

"I think there are about six forwards competing for three jobs so there's plenty of competition in my department and that's something I enjoy.

"It's no good thinking you are going to be in the side week in week out.

"You can't afford to have many bad games if the competition for places is so fierce."



Brian Little (left) and Des Bremner (above) — two of the talented men Withe joins at Villa.

'Have boots, will travel' nickname at an end

PETER WITHE, whose ten club career has earned him the nickname 'have boots will travel', is ready to put down some roots.

He told Match: "I certainly hope Aston Villa will be my last club.

"Most of the clubs have been in the Midlands area — I seem to be drawn here — and I don't really want to move again."

So what's the reason behind Withe's nomadic career? "It's just the way things have worked out.

"All the moves have hopefully been to better my career or because of managerial changes.

"A new boss has come in and I've ended up moving on.

"It's not really as bad as the 'have boot will travel' nickname might suggest."

Just for the record, Withe's professional career has taken in Southport, Barrow, Port Elizabeth City, Arcadia Shepherds (both South Africa), Wolverhampton, Portland Timbers, Birmingham, Nottingham, Newcastle and now Villa.

Right: Days of promise at St. James's Park, Peter Withe celebrates a goal with Bill Rafferty.



No regrets about Newcastle

LOOKING back, Withe admits that the move from Nottingham to Newcastle was a difficult one, but it's not a transfer he regrets in any way.

"I felt at the time that Newcastle were a club that would get promotion but it was difficult going down to the Second after all the success I had with Forest.

"I have given it two years and it hasn't happened but I don't think it was a bad move. I just felt I couldn't wait another year.

"People may say that those two years out of the First Division have been wasted but I feel I achieved something with Newcastle.

"At Forest I was just one of many in a successful team. Now I think I have proved I am a player on my own.

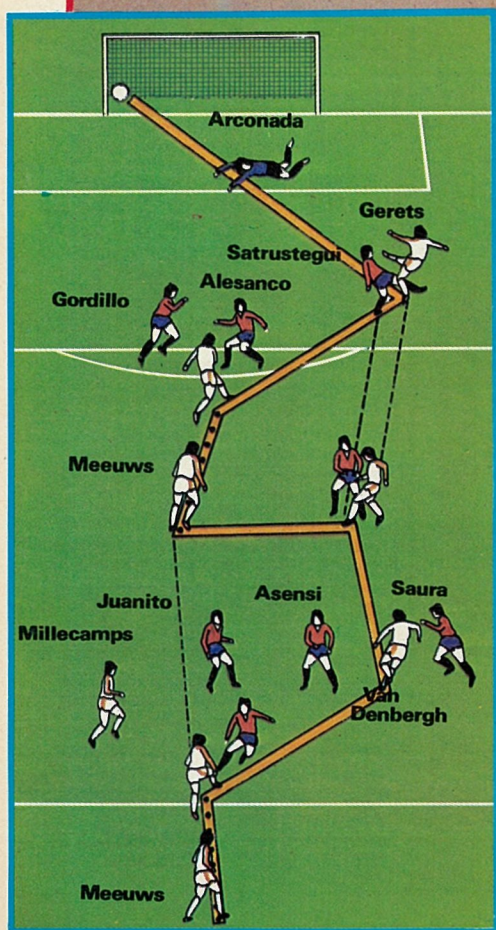
"It's different in the Second. It's all a bit more hurly burly because everyone is so desperate to get promotion but I don't foresee any problems associated with playing in the First again."

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GOLDEN GOALS

Bearded wonder rocks Spaniards

Eric Gerets steps in to challenge Trevor Brooking during England's opening match.



Eric Gerets (Belgium) v Spain, European Championship, Group Two, Milan, June 15, 1980.

TONY Woodcock will testify to the tough-tackling qualities of Belgium's bearded full-back Eric Gerets — a classy defender from Belgian League runners-up Standard Liege.

Gerets, however, showed that his attacking qualities are top class, too — and Spain will testify to that!

The Belgians, 25-1 underdogs at the start of the tournament, were admonished by many critics after their defensive strategy in the 1-1 draw with England, but against the weaker Spaniards, manager Guy Thys beckoned 26-year-old Gerets forward to link with free-running Vandereycken and Van der Elst.

Gerets, capped 28 times by Belgium, takes up the story of his devastating opening goal in the 16th minute.

"Walter Meeuws began the move

unchallenged at half-way and played it up to Erwin Vandenberg expecting a return. But as I had made an outside run, Erwin back-heeled it on to me.

"Walter had kept running and took my first-time pass in his stride. He looked like he might shoot, but saw me unmarked for a return.

"His pass was right into my stride and I hit it first time as Arconada came off his line. I could not have hit it better — a very special goal for me."

Twenty minutes later Quini equalised for Spain, but that old campaigner, Julian Cools, snatched a vital winner in the 64th minute and with a goalless draw with Italy, Belgium marched on to a final showdown with West Germany.

The other side of...

Allan Evans

MATCH Weekly kicks off a great new series this week by revealing the other side of the top stars in the game.

Aston Villa defender Allan Evans starts the ball rolling by talking about the team he always supported as a youngster dreaming of the big time . . . and the side he admires most now as a seasoned pro.

And over the page other top players tell of their secret admirations past and present . . . it's a series you won't want to miss.

IT WAS always Leeds United as a kid. They were the tops then and my favourite player at the time was Billy Bremner.

Billy's determination and fight was the aspect of his game that impressed me most. He had the ability to get others playing well even if he wasn't having too good a game.

Then of course they had players like Johnny Giles. He had so much natural ability and what a greater passer of the ball.

And Jack Charlton was always good to watch. He had a style of his own — or rather a lack of it — but he was always hard to beat in the air and never gave up.

Leeds were very big in Scotland at the time and I followed their games week in week out, although I never got to see them live — it was always on TV.

I'm sure that the Leeds team I used to follow influenced me as far as determination is concerned. I like to think now that I always give 100 per cent.

I was determined to do well in my first game against Leeds. I wanted to test myself against them. It was strange to think that only a few years before those same players were my idols.

I never imagined as a kid in Scotland that one day I would play against the likes of Eddie Gray and Paul Madeley.

I suppose looking back it was always my ambition to play for Leeds but I was in no way disappointed I didn't join Leeds when my time came to move down South. I wanted to get into English football and Aston Villa were as big as Leeds anyway.

The side I respect most now is Liverpool. Kenny Dalglish gets a lot of stick as far as his performances for Scotland are concerned but if the Scottish fans saw him week in, week out they would appreciate him a lot more.

His big strength is turning people. If you jump in at him he has the deft touch necessary to beat you. People who don't really know football don't appreciate his work off the ball either.

For running off the ball you can't get



Allan Evans (right) beats Vince Hilaire of Crystal Palace to the ball as Gordon Cowans looks on. much better than Terry McDermott and he's scored some great goals to boot.

At the back they've got Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen. I wouldn't say Phil's a player of great skill but he's always determined to do well and he's always cool.

They are the toughest side I've faced. They are so well organised and back each other up so well.

I remember one time when we got the better of them though. I think it was the

season before last when we beat them 3-1 at Villa Park.

I was playing up front for Villa that day and I scored the first goal. I tried to claim the second as well because it only got a slight touch on Phil Thompson but it went down as an own goal.

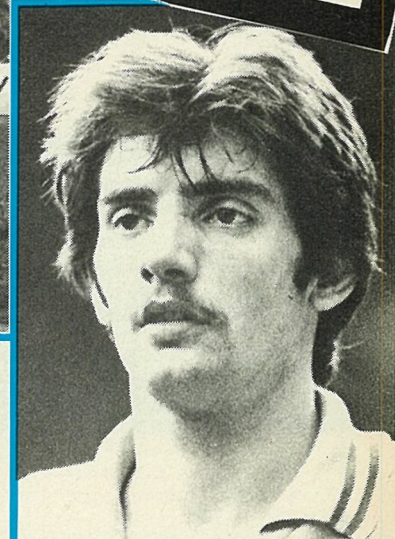
It was a great thrill for me personally because it was against Liverpool and it was one of my first games up front.

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**The other
side of...**

*Alan
Devonshire*



Above left: That's me nodding in the first goal against Fulham last season — Jimmy Greaves style.

Greaves and Marsh — a great combination

JUST imagine what a great player you'd have if you combined the skills of Rodney Marsh with the confidence and goalscoring knack of Jimmy Greaves.

I never was fanatical about any one team as a youngster but I used to support Tottenham and Queens Park Rangers, although half the time it was just to see those two in action.

I would go along to White Hart Lane with a few friends in the days when Greavesy was teamed up with Alan Gilzean.

Greaves was magic to watch — such a great scorer of goals. And I'll always remember those headed flick ons of Alan Gilzean.

I don't think there's been a better header of the ball.

Then there were players like Cyrille Knowles and Phil Beal. But I wasn't a Tottenham fanatic — in fact I never have been the sort of person who likes watching football that much.

I should think I watched Rangers more than anyone and Rodney Marsh was without doubt my hero there.

He had so much skill.

You could almost guarantee something exciting was going to happen when he got the ball and whenever he took a free kick near the box you almost expected a goal.

I saw some brilliant stuff at both grounds. On their day they were great attacking sides.

In fact I trained with Rangers when I was about 16 and I always remember the day we parted company.

It was a silly argument with the chief scout over a shower.

We used to train at the Scrubs and we trained late one night and I wanted to catch the 9.45pm bus home because the next one wasn't for about another hour.

It was either miss the shower or miss the bus.

I don't think they really liked me as a player anyway so I don't think I ever would have made it.

As you can imagine I'm always looking for a good result against Rangers now.

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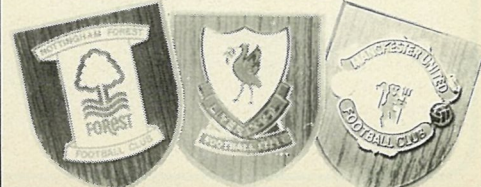
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Two famous stars talk about a hero from the past

Jimmy Greaves made me a lifelong Tottenham fan

The other side of...
John Richards

THE sight of Jimmy Greaves jinking across his TV screen scoring amazing goals really caught the imagination of a young boy from Lancashire and turned him into a lifelong fan of Tottenham Hotspur.

That young boy from Warrington is better known now as the exciting Wolves striker John Richards, who still talks passionately about his boyhood heroes.

"I was always a Spurs fan, ever since I saw Greaves play around the early Sixties.

"He made scoring goals look so easy, which of course, it isn't.

"Strangely enough Spurs have always been a bit of a jinx side for us.

"They beat us 3-2 on aggregate in the 1972 UEFA Cup then the following year I got the equaliser in the League Cup semi-final

second leg, but Martin Chivers got the winner for them in extra-time."

But the likeable goalscorer maintains his most vivid memory of Spurs takes him back to 1967 and his days with the Warrington boys brigade.

"We were camping in North Wales and it was a hot day.

"The others were going down to the sea but I refused, I wanted to listen to the Spurs-Chelsea FA Cup final on the radio.

"The others didn't want to know. So I sat in my tent all on my own. I was so excited when Frank Saul scored the winner, but there was no one to share it with me.

"Yes, I always look for Spurs results first in the papers even now. They were always my idols and always will be."



The other side of... *Luther Blissett*

Best and United were my heroes

AS long as I can remember I've always been a Manchester United fan.

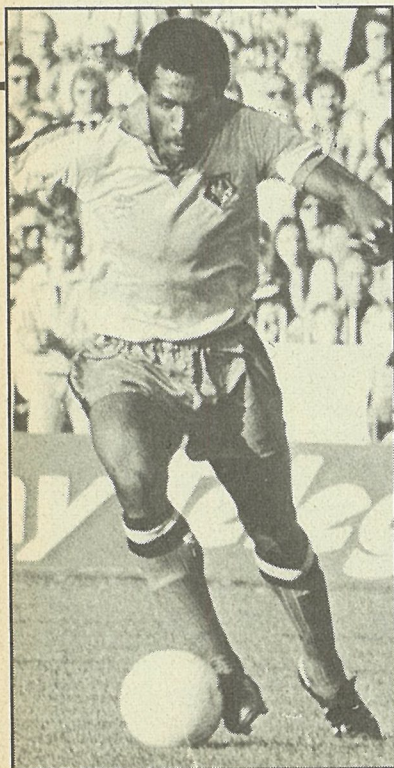
I was brought up in the London area and always tried to get to see United when they were playing down here.

But I never made it to Old Trafford as a spectator. The only time was as a Watford player and I was lucky enough to score twice when we knocked them

out of the 1978 League Cup in front of 40,000. It was almost too much for me.

George Best was my boyhood hero, I can't say I modelled myself on him, I haven't got the same skill, but I remember particularly his and United's performance in winning the European Cup against Benfica.

Right: George Best, my boyhood hero.



Sad Sansom re move any



The Crystal Palace and England star Match writer Trevor Haylett about

KENNY Sansom, Crystal Palace's star-on-the-move and one of the few England successes in Italy, has vowed to play a lot better next season.

Sansom's disappointment with his form last term will shock those who saw him make the England number three spot his own with superb displays for club and country.

But it's all part of his determination to

be the best in the business, a determination that made every First Division club sit up and take note when Palace announced during the summer that he could leave Selhurst Park.

Sansom's financial problems in a business venture and a belief that a change of club would improve his play forced the reluctant Terry Venables to agree to part with his services.

"I shall be terribly sad to

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Ready to anywhere

**He talks frankly to
his uncertain future.**

leave," Sansom told Match Weekly. "This is my only club and I know everybody about the place.

"But football is my job and I've got to do as well for myself as I can. I've also got to think about the security of my wife and our six-week-old baby Natalie.

"I would like to stay in London but I'm really prepared to go anywhere. If a big club from the north came in for me I'd be delighted to move.

"Manchester City were mentioned soon after the story broke and I've a lot of respect for Malcolm Allison.

Publicity

"He was my first manager at Palace and I remember him as a good coach who brings a lot of publicity to a club.

"I've also been linked with Arsenal and I'd be quite happy to go there. They're a good club who will win more honours soon."

The irony of Sansom's situation is that he's with a side NOW who have great potential to win things.

And that's why if the transfer doesn't come about he'll be more than happy to stay at Selhurst Park.

"Terry Venables was due back from holiday last weekend and I'll be in to see him as soon as I can find out the latest developments.

"But I won't be greatly disappointed if I don't get a move. Palace will pick up a trophy soon — perhaps even this season. We learned a lot from our first term in the First Division.

"But whatever happens I want something sorted out before the

Right: Sansom on the ball for England against Wales. My passing must improve, he says.

start of the season because I don't want to stay in hotels for long periods with my wife just having had the baby."

Sansom thinks his financial problems were part of the reason why he didn't do himself justice last season.

"They may have been at the back of my mind. I was pleased with my England form but disappointed with my performances for Palace. I thought I did well the season we came up from the Second Division and wanted to improve.

"But my passing was not very good and my tackling at fault on several occasions. But I was pleased with my England displays — I think once I was picked it boosted my confidence.

"My two games in Italy — against Belgium and the host country — were my best yet for England.

"Mick Mills was fit to play in the first game and when I was selected it made me feel good. First touches in a game are important and fortunately things went well.

Atmosphere

"I really enjoyed the Championships and the atmosphere of being with the England squad and can't wait for the 1982 World Cup if I'm selected.

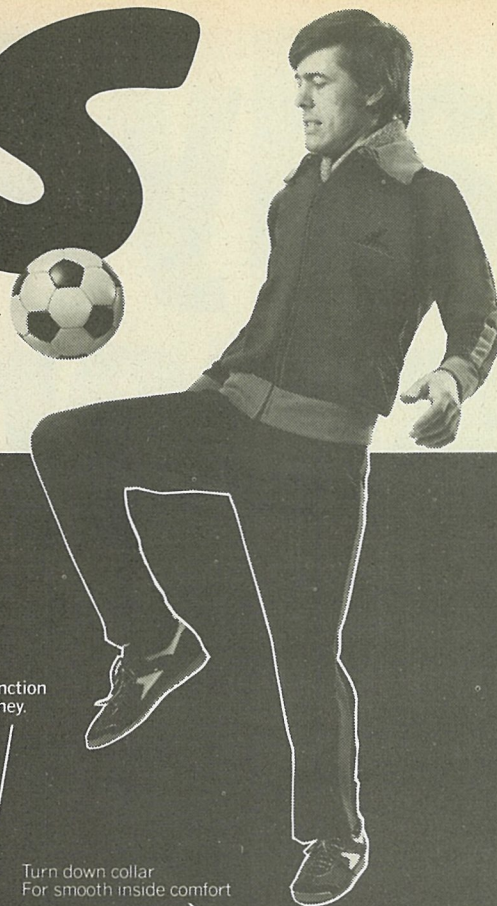
"I like playing in a foreign country and if the chance came for me to move abroad I'd take it.

"But it's harder for a defender to interest a foreign club. Strikers seem to be the number one priority."



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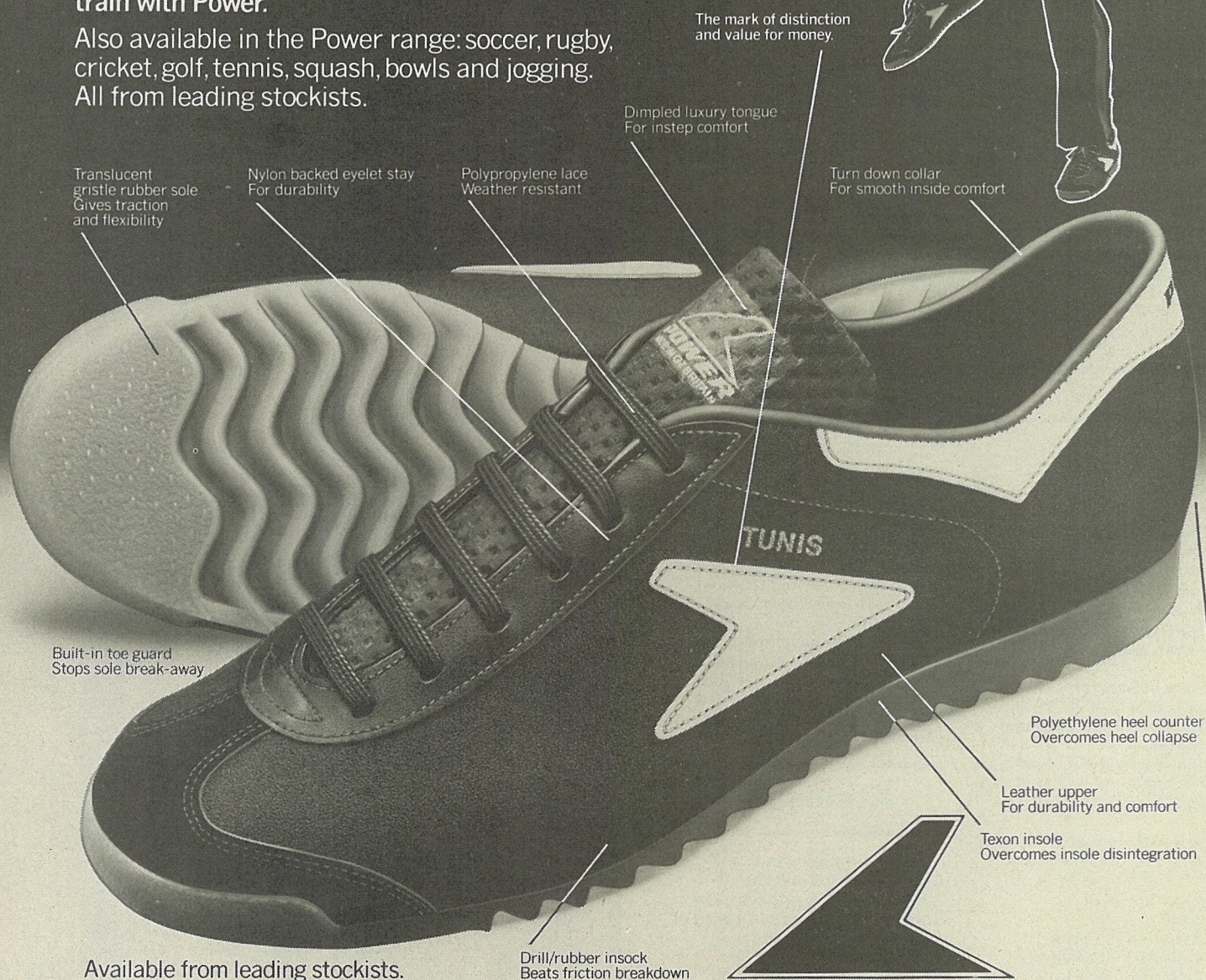
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WHY 'BALLIE' CAME BACK

'I could think only of Blackpool'

ALAN Ball was forced to leave NASL champions Vancouver Whitecaps because he just couldn't stop thinking about his new player-manager role at Third Division Blackpool.

The immense professional pride which oozes from his small frame meant that he was continually frustrated at his performances for Whitecaps.

As he boarded the plane for Heathrow Ball said: "I did not feel I was doing the job for Vancouver that I should have done. I was thinking increasingly about Blackpool.

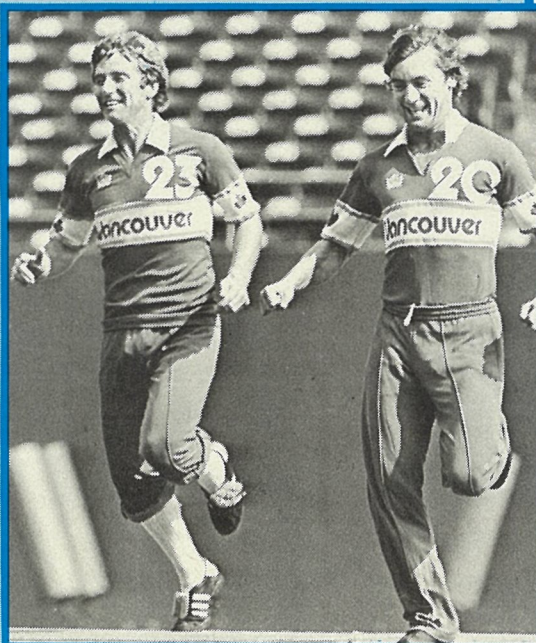
"There was no point in going on the way I was playing. I have to concentrate solely on Blackpool.

"I thought I could handle the situation but when you have a big pride in your performance you set high standards.

"I was getting terribly frustrated and just had to talk it over with Whitecaps coach Tony Walters. I was very sorry it came to this because I have been proud of my contribution to Vancouver. I think it can be a very big club."

Now it's likely that former West Brom and Birmingham winger Willie Johnston, who has also left Whitecaps, will join Ball at Blackpool.

The men are close friends and although Johnson has had an indifferent half-season in America his value as a man able to give width to a side will not be lost on Ball.



Alan Ball (left) and Willie Johnston share a joke during a training session in Vancouver — they may be teaming up again at Blackpool.

Sounders storm ahead

IT'S half-time in the North American Soccer League season . . . and time is fast running out for those clubs trailing in the wake of Seattle Sounders and Chicago Sting.

They're the two teams who've captured most headlines during the 1980 season so far. And it's not surprising when you consider their rip-roaring start.

Sting currently head the Central Division of the American Conference by an amazing 54 points — and also boast the Conference's leading goalkeeper, the former Wolves' number one, Phil Parkes.

Parkes has a goals-against average of 1.19 — 22 goals conceded in 18 games.

Chicago have gained 126 points from their 16 games. But even that pales alongside the record of Seattle Sounders — certainly the surprise package of 1980.

They're the top team in both sections with an incredible 145 points — 18 wins and only two defeats in 20 games.

Sounders came through a stormy game with Tulsa Roughnecks with their fine record intact thanks to yet another Roger Davies goal.

The former Derby and Leicester striker, who never sustained his obvious goalscoring potential in England, got the

vital shoot-out winning goal.

It was a bitter contest and another former Derby man, Vic Moreland of Tulsa, and Sounders' Frank Barton received marching orders.

Davies, enjoying his best-ever season, tops the leading scorers list for both the American and National Conferences with 48 points, 20 goals and eight assists.

He's also joint leader in the race for the Professional Soccer Reporters Association's 'Star of the Year' honours.

On the basis of five points for "first star of the game", three for "second" and one for "third", Davies and Pato Margetic, the Detroit Express striker, have both amassed 32 points.

Margetic, the young blond Argentinian, also has the honour of becoming the first NASL player this season to win a second "first star player of the week" award.

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FORMER Scottish international and Chelsea star CHARLIE COOKE gave his Memphis Rogues side a first-half lead against Fort Lauderdale — but the Strikers came back to win 2-1.

SOCCER USA

LATEST RESULTS

Tampa Bay Rowdies 2, Chicago Sting 1; Edmonton Drillers 5, Atlanta Chiefs 1; Houston Hurricane 1, Detroit Express 3; Toronto Blizzard 2, Philadelphia Fury 0; New York Cosmos 1, Portland Timber 1; Tampa Bay Rowdies 1, California Surf 3; Fort Lauderdale Strikers 2, Memphis Rogues 1; Dallas Tornado 1, Rochester Lancers 0; Los Angeles Aztecs 2, Washington Diplomats 1; San Diego Sockers 2, Tulsa Roughnecks 1; Detroit Express 2, Houston Hurricane 0.

Latest positions

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	P	W	L	F	A	B.Pts	T.Pts
New York	18	13	5	48	26	38	116
Toronto	17	9	8	28	27	25	79
Washington	17	8	9	38	36	31	79
Rochester	16	8	8	22	26	17	65

Central Division

Tulsa	17	10	7	28	25	24	84
Minnesota	18	6	12	28	33	24	60
Dallas	16	7	9	19	29	16	58
Atlanta	17	5	12	18	39	17	47

Western Division

Seattle	20	18	2	49	16	37	145
Los Angeles	17	11	6	32	22	26	92
Vancouver	19	9	10	24	27	20	74
Portland	17	5	12	17	28	16	46

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

Ft. Lauderdale	19	11	8	35	31	32	98
Tampa Bay	19	11	8	33	32	30	96
New England	19	9	10	34	35	28	82
Philadelphia	17	5	12	20	33	17	47

Central Division

Chicago	18	15	3	44	22	36	126
Detroit	18	8	10	29	27	24	72
Houston	18	7	11	32	39	28	70
Memphis	18	8	10	24	30	21	69

Western Division

California	20	10	10	41	43	34	94
Edmonton	18	8	10	31	32	24	72
San Diego	17	7	10	21	29	18	60
San Jose	18	6	12	28	35	24	60

(Note: Six points are awarded for each win, none for a loss, while one bonus point is given for every goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game. No bonus points are awarded for either an overtime goal or the team shootout goal.)

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CRYSTAL Palace manager Terry Venables came on to me recently to ask whether Garry Birtles was available to buy.

I told him "no chance, but I might change my mind unless Garry mends his ways."

A lot of things have happened to Garry in a very short time in the game — he has been wearing an England shirt almost before he has completed his apprenticeship with Nottingham Forest.

He has made amazing progress since we signed him from Long Eaton, the team he was playing for when we took him away from

Left: Garry Birtles in action against Ajax in last year's European Cup campaign. He hasn't justified anything in the game yet.

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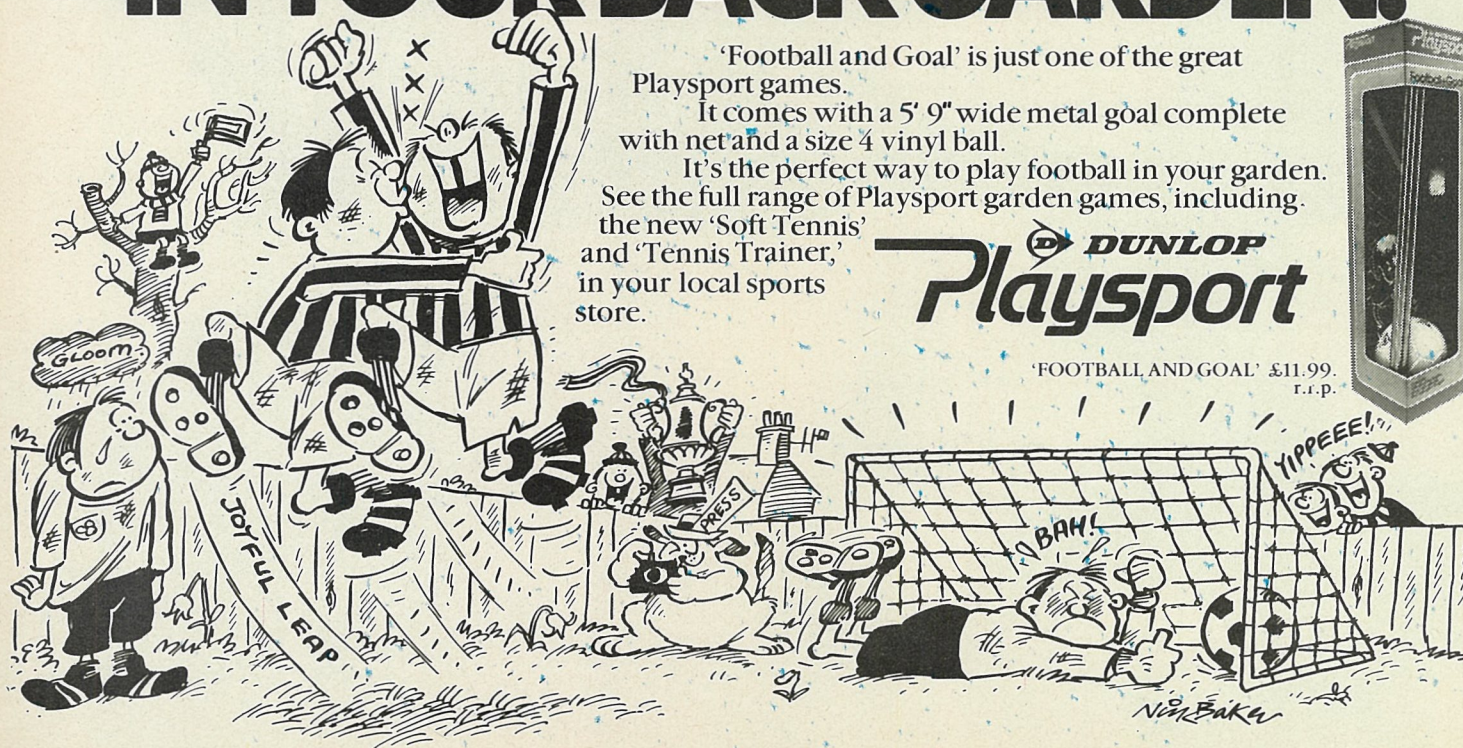
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Why I went berserk but said 'No' to Palace

laying tiles to give him a full-time living out of football.

And I think the time has arrived for him to take stock of what the game has done — or more significantly what we have done for him at Nottingham in the last couple of seasons.

He really upset me a few weeks ago when he came into my office and said he felt he should have more than the three weeks holiday he was getting this summer.

he was being hard-done-by he might be better off finding another club where he might be able to score the goal or two that we missed from him at the end of last season.

I have made exceptions with one or two players in giving them an extra two or three days break before they report back. But for the life of me I don't think Garry Birtles has justified anything in the game yet.

I said to him that he should be back with us on July 14, continuing to learn his trade so that hopefully we will get more goals from him next season.

I was really taken aback by his attitude and had no hesitation in turning down his requests.

In some people's eyes I might be the one who is seen to be unreasonable but there are certain facts of life that he must appreciate.

One of his biggest problems this summer was moving house. But it should not be left for me to point out to him that without the rewards he has picked up over the last couple of years he would almost certainly be in no position to buy a bigger house in the first place.

I find it sad and bitterly disappointing that players occasionally lose sight of that sort of thing as soon as they reach a certain status in the game.

Perhaps, in Garry's case, it has happened too quickly. This time two years ago he was wondering whether he had a future in professional football. Now he has two European Cup Winners' medals and has made his entry on the international stage.

I know he had a hard, tiring season — and he is probably going to have another this time around — but the sooner he comes to terms with his life, the better it will be for all concerned.

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I immediately referred him to a notice I pinned on our dressing room door in May stating that I expected everyone to be back for pre-season training on July 14.

He didn't say anything about wanting time off then, nor did he ask for more holiday before he shot off to Italy with the England squad for the European Championships.

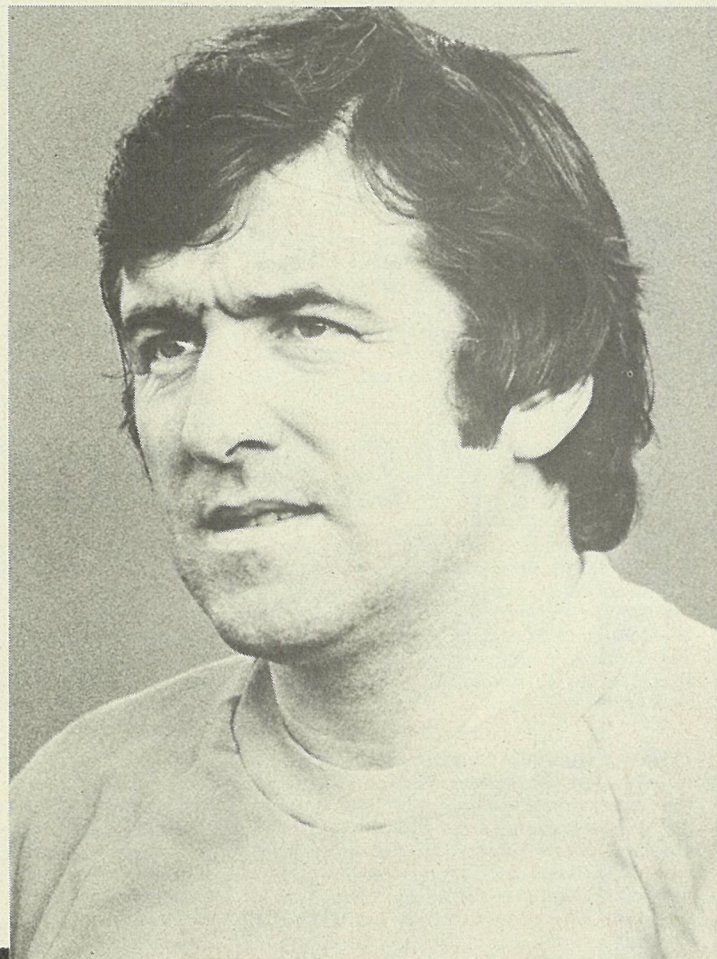
I didn't ask him to go to Italy; I didn't ask him to be best man at Chris Wood's wedding when he returned from the England trip; and I didn't ask him into a bigger house during the close season.

So, as I am prone to do on occasions, I went berserk with Garry and told him that if he felt



Above: Happier times for Garry Birtles and myself, pictured celebrating after our European Cup Final victory over Hamburg.

Below: Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables, who has asked me whether Garry Birtles is available.



No room for Keegan

NOT one Englishman could make the team when 280 of Europe's top sports journalists sat down to select the team-of-the-tournament at the end of the European Championships.

Five Germans were included in the side selected, understandable in view of their victory in the final against Belgium. But it must be a surprise that the same men who voted for Kevin Keegan as the European Footballer of the Year not so long ago could not find a place for him in their side.

Team was: Arconada (Spain); Kaltz (Germany), Krol (Holland), Collovati (Italy), Gentile (Italy); Schuster (Germany), Van Moer (Belgium), Muller (Germany); Remmenigge (Germany), Allofs (Germany), Ceulemans (Belgium).

Super Servette

SERVETTE'S iron defence is seeing them through well in the end-of-season play-offs for the Swiss championship.

They lead the mini-league that is made up of the six leading Swiss sides at the end of the full league season, after having conceded only six goals in seven games.

And last weekend the attack really hit form when it cracked six goals past poor Lucerne.



Karl-Heinz Rummenigge... the Bayern Munich star was one of four West Germans, picked for a European XI.

Madrid star is new Spain boss

SPAIN have appointed the former Real Madrid star Jose "Pepe" Santamaria as the new national team manager.

He replaces long-serving Ladislao Kubala who retired at the end of the European Championships after an unprecedented eleven-year spell at the helm of Spanish football.

Santamaria has been given the task of leading Spain into the 1982 World Cup finals with a side capable of challenging for victory in front of its own fans.

"I give myself one year to get a group of players together and properly organised for winning the World Cup," said Santamaria.

He and Kubala are as different as chalk and cheese. Kubala was a Hungarian born in Czechoslovakia with a reputation for creative, attacking ideas, a polite man, a good speaker with a sense of humour.

Santamaria has the reputation of being dour, taciturn, hard and authoritarian. He formerly played for both Uruguay and Spain.

He plans to run four teams in preparation for the finals: an A side, a B side, an under-23 side and an under-21 side. And he is planning one international each month.

Kubala meanwhile will be off to join Helenio Herrera at Barcelona and make an effort to produce a team from the talent and money available that will satisfy the club's enormous desire to win.

THE only case ever of the top and bottom Football League teams (the first and 92nd) playing on the same ground on successive Saturdays arose in season 1970-71. Division One leaders Leeds United lost at Colchester in the FA Cup fifth round on February 13, and Newport County, bottom of Four, lost a League game there seven days later.

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INSIDE forward Cameron Evans had the shortest Football League career of any Scot in history. He left Rangers for Sheffield United in November, 1968, but within two days, during which he figured in a Central League match, he was back in Scotland to join Kilmarnock after having been "homesick".

ABERAMAN Athletic, Bath City and Lovell's Athletic have never been members of the Football League, yet all have played regularly in the Football League! How come? All played in the Football League North group of 54 clubs in the wartime season of 1942-43. All three also played in the West Group competition in seasons 1943-44 and 1944-45.

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GOY, Joy and Hoy were Huddersfield Town clubmates in season 1966-67. Peter Goy was a goalkeeper, David Joy a wing half-back and Ian Hoy a forward.

IT'S A FACT

THREE players since the war have scored three times in three minutes in FA Cup (competition proper) ties. Gary Talbot did so for Chester v Crewe Alexandra on November 14, 1964, Jack Swindells for Altrincham v Scarborough on November 13, 1965, and Billy Best for Southend United v Brentwood on December 7, 1968.

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"THE Management Committee are of the opinion that referees are not exercising their full powers as required by the laws. Rough and dangerous play should at once be stopped. The committee expect referees to penalise actions calculated to ignore the general character of the game." A recent directive? No. It was a circular issued by the Football League on... January 13, 1910!

SHREWSBURY Town were the last club to withdraw voluntarily from the FA Cup. Elected to the Football League in 1950, they had not been exempted by the FA until the first round proper in the following season, and, rather than figure in preliminary rounds from early September, with consequent congestion of fixtures, they withdrew from the Cup.

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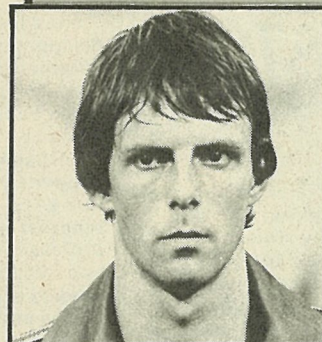
WILLIE Cunningham played for Scotland in both back positions during the fifties while with Preston North End, and another Willie Cunningham did so for Ireland while with Leicester City. Both previously had played for Dunfermline Athletic in the Scottish League!

'Forgotten man' gets Golden Boot

THE man that Belgium forgot, a goal-scoring machine called Erwin Vanden Bergh, has won this year's famous Adidas-France Football Golden Boot as Europe's top goalscorer.

The 21-year-old Lierse centre-forward hit 39 goals in 34 games to win the award ahead of Schachner of FC Austria with 35 and Fazekas of Jupest with 32.

Young Vanden Bergh had hardly been



Erwin Vanden Bergh... ace marksman from Belgium emerged as the top scorer in Europe to win the coveted Golden Boot award.

heard of before this season and was expected to star for Belgium in Italy during the European Championships.

But, after a very disappointing game against England in Turin, he was dropped and even missed the final when manager Guy Thys said he was not in the right mental state to play!

Now Vanden Bergh has become the first Belgian ever to lift the Golden Boot.

Previous winners have been: Kist (AZ 67), Krankl (Rapid Vienna), Georgescu (Dynamo Bucharest), and in earlier years men like Eusebio (Benfica) twice and Gerd Muller (Bayern Munich) twice.

World Cup Catastrophe!

It's a certainty unless refs clamp down, warns Argentina boss

THE 1982 World Cup could end in catastrophe says Argentina team boss Luis Cesar Menotti, if the brutality, indiscipline and gamesmanship seen in the European Championships are repeated in Spain.

And the referees were to blame, he says.

Menotti has some harsh words about behaviour and foul play. He said: "Argentina played three clean and superb games in London, Dublin and Vienna. The play was hard, aggressive but clean.

"In Italy it appeared that the trainers should have been teaching their players karate and not physical exercise! The referees were deficient.

"They all accepted the players' brutality, their bad temperament, their indiscipline, their trickery and gamesmanship. If these games

had been played in Argentina, one could have counted on at least 15 sendings off!

"In the Holland-Czechoslovakia match there would have been only four players left on each side!

"At this rate the 1982 World Cup could end in catastrophe. FIFA has the heaviest responsibility of all during the next two years. For I can tell you that Argentina will be going to Spain to play football, but it takes two teams to make a game into a spectacle."

Menotti believes that the time has come for Europe to learn how to play the game from the South Americans.

He says: "The time has gone when South America had to learn its football from Europe. Argentina is capable of playing Germany or England on equal terms.

"The strength of a team is best shown by a series of performances and not by a single game."

The Germans, he thought, were worthy champions and Belgium deserved second place. "The Germans were comfortably the best but their play was nothing extraordinary."

Menotti added his only real object now is to produce a team for the 1982 World Cup and that he has already prepared several youngsters for the side.

"Football is not about nostalgia. I shall not hesitate to renew my team."

And he believes his team could be good enough to lift the coveted gold trophy once again in two years' time — unless European football progresses quickly beyond stifling defence and brutal tackling.



Wanted!

IT is surprising how popular a wanted man can be in Italy. Paolo Rossi is still top of the Juventus shopping list despite his three year ban from football and now three top Italian sides want to buy his understudy to the national side Bruno Giordano, who is also banned from football until 1982.

AC Milan are reported to have made a bid, as have Roma and Florence, the big-spenders who are looking to add more star names to summer signing Bertoni from Seville and Italian international idol Giancarlo Antognoni.

Tongue tied

NOT much was said when the Dutch international Rene Van Der Kerkhof turned up for his first press conference after signing for Lazio from PSV Eindhoven... Rene admitted he could only say one word in Italian — and that was *caffe!*

Back in Holland though, PSV are busy lining up the Austrian international Schachner in a £450,000 deal as his replacement.

Champs again

RED Star Belgrade confirmed that they will be back for another season in the European Championships Cup when they drew a home game with Osijek to clinch the Yugoslavian title again.

Hamburg wait

FRANZ Beckenbauer's proposed move to Hamburg as the big-name replacement for Kevin Keegan is in danger of falling through.

The former West German captain has not confirmed that he will be signing for the former West German champions and this year's losing European Cup finalists.

He is apparently waiting to hear from the club as to whether or not they are going to continue next season with the Yugoslavian Zebec — reputed to be a wild and unruly character — as trainer.

Inter make for Muller

HANSI Muller, West Germany's 22-year-old midfield mainspring, has signed an option offered him by Inter Milan, the crack Italian club.

Muller (pictured right) has many fans in Italy, not least Sandro Mazzola, the vice president of Inter and a former star player in the black-and-blue's number ten jersey.

Inter hope they will be able to sign Muller when he is contractually free to leave Germany.

Poles pack their bags

FOUR of Poland's most famous modern players have set off the transfer trail into West European league football.

Within a few days of the confirmation that Polish internationals could move abroad, Grzegorz Lato, the leading scorer in the 1974 World Cup, had agreed to play for Belgian league side Lokeren.

He was quickly followed by Wlodzimierz Lubanski and another Pole called Andrezj who joined Auxerre in France.

Big Jerzy Gorgon, famous for his huge performances in the centre of the Polish defence in 1974, has packed his bags for Greece where he will be playing next season for Loannina, a club trained by the former Greek national team trainer Jacek Gmoch.

Gmoch's predecessor with Poland, Kazimierz Gorski, is already in Greece where he is trainer to Olympiakos Piraeus.

Olympic boycott hits Cologne

THE Olympic games boycott in West Germany has hit Cologne's plans to sign the former Czech international coach Vaclav Jezek as one of the training staff for next season.

The Prague authorities have refused to issue Jezek with a visa that would allow him to work in a country that boycotted the Moscow Olympics



Think again Scotland

IT IS about time the Scottish F.A. had a good think as to whether Jock Stein is the right man to lead Scotland into their World Cup qualifying games next season.

He has achieved only five wins from 17 games and that is a worse record than his two predecessors, Willie Ormond and Ally McLeod.

Ally McLeod was slated by the Press and TV because of the hysteria he caused before the last World Cup, but at least he had the Scots supporters thinking we could win every game. Now we only wonder how many we'll lose.

Who will be manager if we qualify for the 1982 World Cup? Will it be Jock Stein or Andy Roxburgh, who has been a success with the Scotland Youth team? Or will the SFA think again and bring back McLeod and get the supporters thinking 'for' the team and not against them?

Ian McKay, Ayr, Ayrshire.

Advert perks

I CAN'T understand all the trouble over shirt advertising. Top European clubs have shirt advertising so why not British clubs? There are two benefits. The money the club obtains can be used for ground improvements and TV companies will refuse to cover the games, which will raise attendances.

Mark Broughton (16),
Sheringham, Norfolk.

Rochdale are just a joke

HOW sad it is to see Rochdale in the Fourth Division and Altrincham in the Alliance League for another season. Rochdale have now applied for re-election four times, have an average home gate of less than 2,000 and have become the joke of the Football League.

Yet Altrincham have battled their way to the Alliance Premier League championship and enjoyed a good run in the cup.

To miss out by one vote is stupid — especially as two chairmen didn't vote. Luton's chairman got stuck in a traffic jam and Grimsby's chairman didn't even bother about the meeting.

I can only hope that next season Altrincham win their League again, Rochdale stay bottom of the Fourth Division and the chairmen of Luton and Grimsby manage to vote.

Michael Davies, Sheffield.



Right: Jock Stein — is he the right man to lead Scotland into the 1982 World Cup campaign asks reader Ian McKay.

Ron needs discipline

IF anyone is stupid enough to think that England can win something under Ron Greenwood then they don't know the first thing about football.

The atmosphere which Greenwood has created in the squad is like that of a holiday camp. The players spend more time relaxing than concentrating on the games ahead. No wonder the players back Greenwood — they've never had it so good.

The false relationships he creates will suddenly crash and the back-biting will start. The only way Greenwood will get success is to instill some discipline into the side. People should take a look at the reasons behind Brian Clough's management methods.

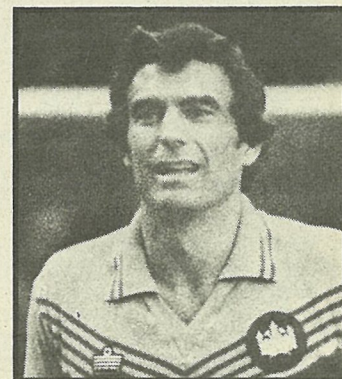
Alan Bates, Nottingham.

Brooking wrong about Chelsea

AS A Chelsea fan I was upset to read Trevor Brooking's (right) comments stating that despite our good season last year he didn't think we were good enough for the First Division.

Well I say we are good enough, with a good blend of youth and experience. He didn't say anything about the fact Chelsea took four points from West Ham last season.

Nigel Brooke, Merthyr Tydfil,
South Wales.



Trevor Brooking — wrong about Chelsea

£500,000 limit

WITH the transfer market going mad in England and abroad I think players should set their own transfer fees . . . up to a limit of £500,000.

Tony Carter, Aston, Birmingham.

Re-election system unfair

I think the present system of re-election/election to the Football League is unfair on non-League clubs. It would be much fairer if the bottom two clubs of the fourth Division and the top two clubs of the Alliance Premier League played against each other in a group and the two clubs which finished top played in the League next season.

This would silence the people who say the present system is biased to League clubs and would also show whether non-League clubs can or cannot compete on equal terms. I am a Rochdale fan!

Steven Roberts, Rochdale, Lancs.

Fans had it

TERRACE TALK

— the letters' page with something to say

Hats off to the Hammers

LAST season was another disaster for London clubs — Wimbledon, Fulham and Charlton all changing divisions but going the wrong way, Arsenal missing out on three chances of going back into Europe and Chelsea, Luton, Q.P.R. and West Ham all missing out on promotion to the First Division.

West Ham did make up for it by winning the FA Cup but that was all London could muster up, so hats off to the Hammers and good luck to them in Europe next season.

Chris Pomfret, Woodstock,
Oxford.

Have never so good

THE PRICE of admission to football grounds is going up again in the new season and there will be the usual outcry from the hard done by fans. But are the complaints justified?

Not when you compare the situation in the summer sports, especially tennis and cricket.

At Wimbledon and at Test match grounds the prices are higher than at football grounds — and what do the fans get for their money there?

If there is the faintest hint of drizzle or bad light the players walk off with no guarantee of return. And fans don't get a refund.

Try to imagine it. Liverpool are playing Manchester United in a League title decider. They need two points to win the title. They are leading 5-0 with five minutes to go. Then the rain comes down and the match is declared a draw.

The last word must go to tennis commentator Dan Maskell, who observed during one match: "They are standing up awfully well on this green grass today." So to all those people who complain about admission prices at least we are guaranteed to see what we paid for and get a fair result . . . regardless of rain or bad light. We don't do so badly.

J. M. Ferguson, New Cumnock, Scotland.

Preston deserve better gates

I WOULD like to congratulate my team, Preston North End, on their fine performances over the last two seasons after promotion from the Third Division in 1977-78.

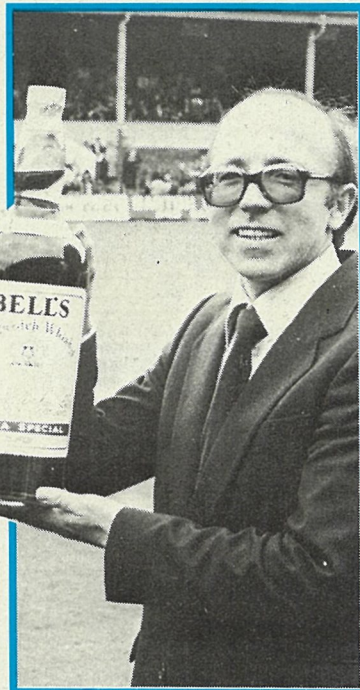
I think Nobby Stiles has a promotion winning team and can achieve something this coming season. The only thing slowing the club's success is the low gates, which could be improved. During last season Preston had an average gate of 9,701, which is disappointing because they play attractive football. I for one will be on the terraces as often as I can next season even though I live on the Isle of Man.

Stephen Cletheroe (14), Ramsey, Isle of Man.

England will fail

ENGLAND won't win anything in the World Cup in Spain in 1982. They'll get there without difficulty but then they'll be confronted with the same problems they faced in Italy. They will be tired and unable to concentrate.

Rory Stephens, Dalkey, Ireland.



Nobby Stiles (seen here collecting a Bells manager of the month award) has got a promotion winning team. But Preston's gates should be bigger, says reader Stephen Cletheroe.

OUTRAGED!

WELCOME to Outraged — the weekly column which stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from MATCH WEEKLY readers — and which, in turn, outrage Match writer, Trevor HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further — and win £2 in the process — by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to MATCH WEEKLY.



Greenwood needs specs!

RAY Clemence gets too much publicity for what he does. The job Peter Shilton has done for Nottingham Forest this year is at least three times better. If I was Ron Greenwood I'd buy a pair of spectacles and play Shilton more often.

T. J. Howard, Olton, Solihull, West Midlands

● For your information T.J. Ron Greenwood already has a pair of glasses. It's you that needs an eye test . . . or a diploma for exaggeration.

Pulling faces at penalties

I AM complaining about the laws over penalty kicks . . . the most ridiculous being that which states the goalkeeper should not move before the kick is taken. He should be able to move and do whatever else he likes . . . for example pull faces at the penalty taker. And then the penalty taker could pull faces back if he wanted.

Jackie Ellard, Sydenham, London

● Why not got the whole hog and let the 'keeper come out and kick the penalty taker?

Refs get in the way

REFEREES seem to get in the way during a match an awful lot. In one match the referee almost tripped a player up as he was about to shoot. I think referees should stay out of the way.

Rachel Gauntlett (11), Baughurst, Hants

● Yes, let's have them watching from the stands with a loud-hailer!

Honestly, Rachel, refs get enough knocking already about not spotting incidents without moving further away from the play.

Playing to the cameras

CLIVE Thomas is supposed to be a World Cup standard referee. I find him disgusting. Whenever he's refereeing a match being televised he makes an exhibition of himself by sending a player off, booking over four players or giving a penalty all for no apparent reason. He's simply playing to the cameras.

A. J. McGregor, Malmesbury, Wiltshire

● I hoped this was a joke, but I think you are serious. Next you'll be telling me he has a make-up artist in the dressing room!

Now will you shut up!

EVER since your column started you have boasted that England would win the European Championship. They failed — so shut up. Scottish football is better than English football. The only reason England usually win is because Scotland don't play together as much and half the players have gone south of the border.

Stephen Graham (10), Eastington, North Humberside

● The only reason Scotsmen go south (apart from money) is that that is where the best football's played. P.S. I won't shut up.



THE SAVE THAT HELPED WIN PROMOTION

JIM McDONAGH

Everton **No 21**

BIRTHPLACE: Rotherham

BIRTHDATE: November 10, 1953

CAREER: Rotherham United, Bolton, Everton (signed for £250,000 in June)

LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 282

INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES: 1 for England Youth v Spain

MY GREATEST SAVE: 'It was in November '77, we were top of the Second Division and faced nearest rivals Spurs at Burnden Park. There were just seconds left before half-time when Glenn Hoddle's cross went over our centre half Sam Allardyce and John Duncan met it. He had a free header about seven yards out but I took off and managed to turn it over the bar with my right hand.'

'It was a vital save because Roy Greaves managed to grab a scrambled winner in the last minute and with Southampton, Brighton and Spurs pressing us we went on to win the championship.'

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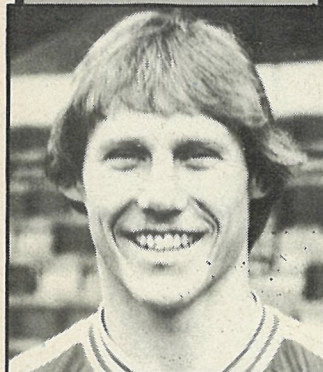
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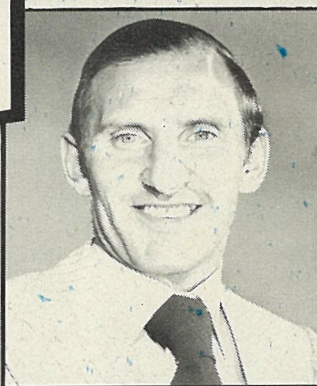
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Doug Rougvie — Aberdeen central defender.

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Bobby Watson — Airdrie manager.

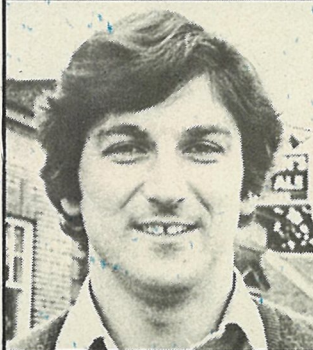
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Peter Latchford — Celtic's English goalkeeper.



David Narey — Dundee United's central defender.

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Here's a chance for our young Scottish fans to compile a complete check on all next season's Premier Division results. We have put together a detailed guide to the season's fixtures. All you have to do is put the result in the space

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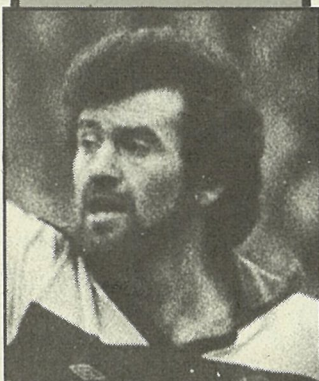
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allowed along side each fixture. And just think! When you pencil in those results for April 25 next year, the title will be decided. Will Aberdeen retain their championship or can one of the big two, Celtic or Rangers, snatch it away?

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Jimmy Miller — of Morton.

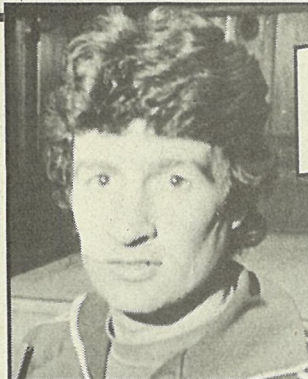
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Partick Thistle



Billy Thomson — Partick goalkeeper.

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Sandy Jardine — Rangers.

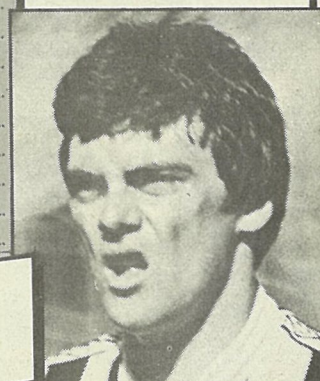
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St Mirren

Aug 9 Aberdeen (h)
16 Morton (a)
23 Hearts (h)
Sept 6 Airdrie (h)
13 Partick(a)
20 Dundee United (h)
27 Rangers (a)
Oct 4 Kilmarnock (a)
11 Celtic (h)
18 Aberdeen (a)
25 Morton (h)
Nov 1 Hearts (a)
8 Rangers (h)
15 Dundee United (a)
22 Celtic (a)
29 Kilmarnock (h)
Dec 6 Airdrie (a)
13 Partick (h)
20 Dundee United (h)
27 Rangers (a)
Jan 1 Morton (a)



Jackie Copland — Saints' midfield player.

3 Aberdeen (h)
10 Kilmarnock (a)
17 Celtic (h)
24 Scottish Cup
31 Partick (a)
Feb 7 Airdrie (h)
14
21 Hearts (h)
28 Aberdeen (a)
March 7 Kilmarnock (h)
14 Celtic (a)
21 Dundee United (a)
28 Rangers (h)
Apr 4 Airdrie (a)
11 Partick (h)
18 Hearts (a)
25 Morton (h)

Kilmarnock

Nov 1 Partick (h)
8 Airdrie (h)
15 Rangers (a)
22 Aberdeen (h)
29 St. Mirren (a)
Dec 6 Hearts (a)
13 Morton (h)
20 Rangers (h)
27 Airdrie (a)
Jan 1 Celtic (h)
3 Dundee United (a)
10 St. Mirren (h)
17 Aberdeen (a)
24 Scottish Cup 3rd Round
31 Morton (a)
Feb 7 Hearts (h)
14
21 Partick (a)
28 Dundee United (h)
March 7 St. Mirren (a)
14 Aberdeen (h)
21 Rangers (a)
28 Airdrie (h)
Apr 4 Hearts (a)
11 Morton (h)
18 Partick (h)
25 Celtic (a)

THERE are prizes galore on this week's HALF TIME page. In addition to the cassette radio and five footballs being offered in the Spot the Difference competition (right), we are offering five more leather footballs in the crossword competition. Why not have a go? The questions are easy and the prizes absolutely FREE — so you've got nothing to lose.

HOW TO ENTER: Simply solve the crossword, writing your answers in ballpoint pen. Fill in your name and address on the coupon, cut around the dotted lines and send it in an envelope to Match Weekly, Crossword No. 44, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

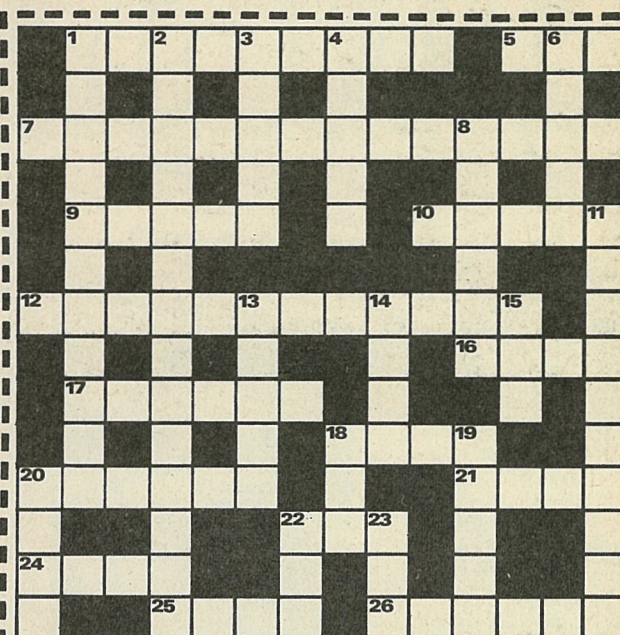
The senders of the first five correct entries drawn from the postbag will each receive a super leather football — and all for the cost of a stamp.

Get your entry in the post as soon as possible — the closing date is July 26. The results will be announced in the Aug 9 issue.

5 FOOTBALLS
MUST BE WON



CROSS WORD



Crossword No. 44

Name _____ Age _____

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Across

1. Match day for a Sheffield side (9)
5. MacDougall, maybe (3)
7. England midfielder who told his life story in a recent Match series (6,8)
9. 'Keeper Everton acquired from Plymouth (5)
10. Country whose manager is called England! (5)
12. 'Was drunk, I sez' (anagram) — but he has been a Saint in recent years (12)
16. White Hart ---- is the home of 13 Down (4)
17. It comes before the kick-off — but it could also decide a result! (4-2)
18. Nickname of Brentford (4)
20. 'Rounds' (anagram) — the tall captain of Czechoslovakia (6)
21. You may be a member of your team's supporters' ---- (4)
22. One of Bristol City's colours (3)
24. Some players gain experience with other clubs by going on ---- to them for a few matches (4)
25. Forest full-back (4)
26. Fruity Leeds and England defender (6)

Down

1. Former Huddersfield, Leicester, Bolton and England striker who joined Birmingham (11)
2. Middlesbrough's player of the season and a recent England cap (5,9)
3. Former Fulham and Leicester striker Steve who moved on to Detroit Express and Tulsa Roughnecks (5)
4. A match between neighbouring teams (5)
6. 'Irene' (anagram) — it's the first name of striker Moss! (5)
8. Left-footed star striker of Austria who scored the winner for Barcelona in the 1979 European Cup-Winners' Cup but who has been playing for Vienna this year (6)
11. English winners of the Welsh Cup in 1977 and 1979 and runners-up in 1980 (10)
13. The team in 16 Across (5)
14. He has been with West Brom for quite a while, too! (4)
15. --- Bolton was Watford's player of the season! (3)
18. A free pass to the next round of the cup (3)
19. Get a goal (5)
20. Nickname of the club in 1 Across (4)
22. One of the Wilkins brothers (3)
23. Popular name of QPR manager (3)

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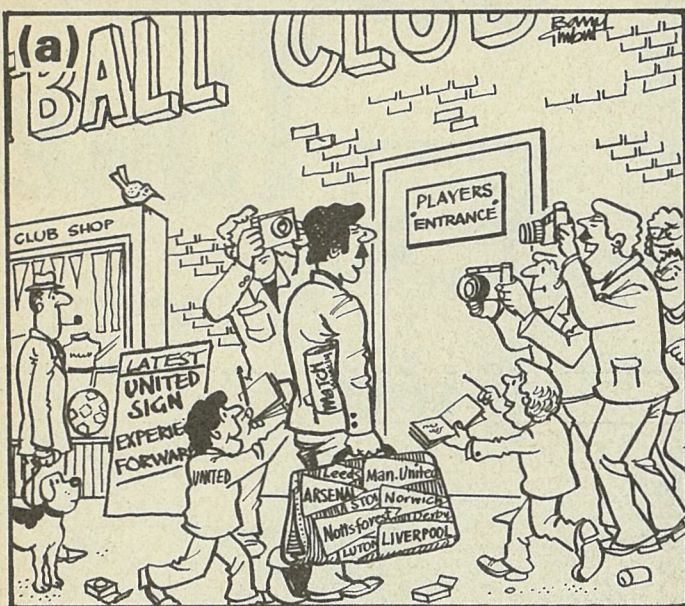
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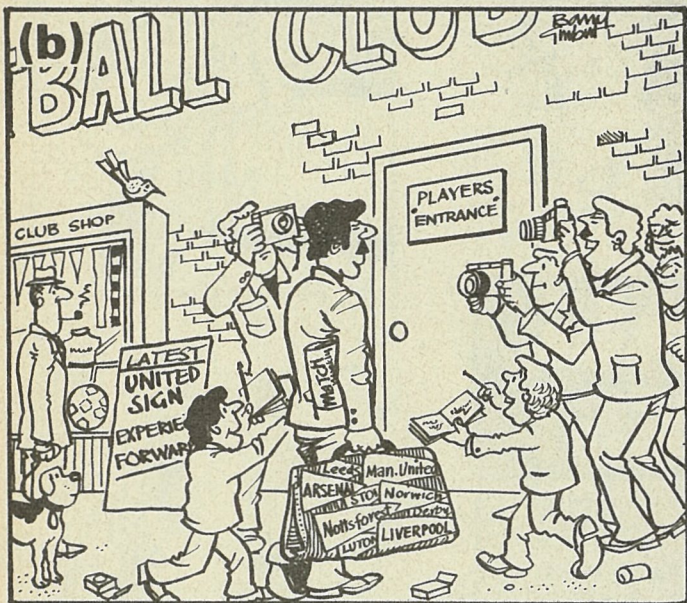
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IT'S QUIZ TIME

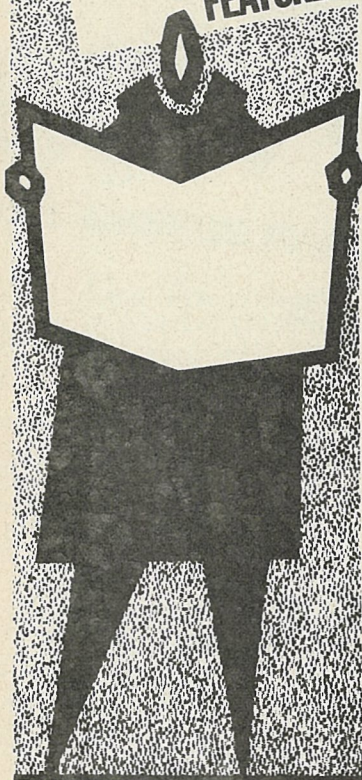
HOW'S your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 15 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978. Between 9 and 14 correct and you are a pretty knowledgeable fan. Below 8 — keep practising and reading **MATCH WEEKLY** EVERY WEEK.

- Which team did Eintracht Frankfurt defeat to win the 1980 U.E.F.A. Cup?
- Name the substitute who scored Northern Ireland's equaliser in their 1-1 draw with England in the 1980 Home Internationals.
- In which city did Nottingham Forest win the 1980 European Cup?
- Who was the most capped player named in England's 22 for the Finals of the European Championship?
- Which team defeated Tony Woodcock's Cologne in the Final of the 1980 West German Cup?
- For which Glasgow Rangers player did Brighton recently pay £400,000?
- Which Football League club have applied to join the Rugby League?
- On which grounds do the following play their home games: (a) Cardiff City, (b) Lincoln City, (c) Motherwell.
- From which non-league club did West Bromwich Albion sign Cyrille Regis?
- With which club did Spurs' Peter Taylor begin his League career?
- Which player won his 50th cap for England in their match v Belgium in the European Championships.
- Scotland scored only one goal in the 1980 Home Internationals. Who scored it?
- He played for Birmingham in the Final of the 1961 Fairs Cup and for Celtic in the 1967 European Cup. Name him.
- Who headed Liverpool's winning goal in the 1963 F.A. Cup Final v Leeds United?
- Who scored the winning goal in the 1974 World Cup Final?

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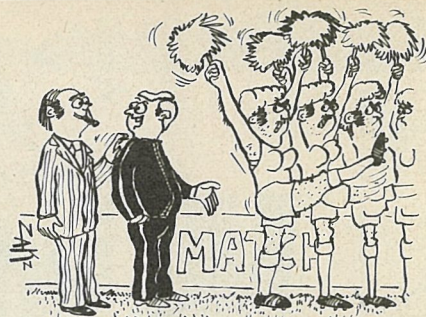
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"I can't see where the coin lands without my glasses!"

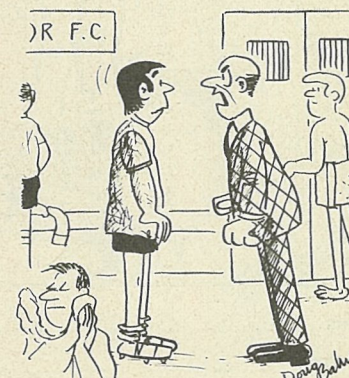
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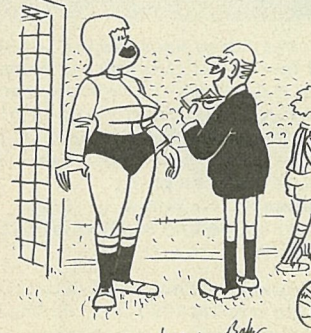
"I thought they were supposed to be 'past it'?"



"... and in my humble opinion ..."



"For a while out there I thought you were dead. Then it turned out you were still alive and miskicking."



"All right, let's have your name — and phone number."

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

BOTH Merseyside teams — Liverpool and Everton — come in for some light-hearted leg-pulling in this week's Football Funnies.

The first of our £2 winners comes from Aryanne Oade who lives at Banstead in Surrey. 'Did you know Everton have just bought a new and priceless painting for their boardroom?' asks Aryanne. 'It's called Lee's a mona!'

Nice one Aryanne, but don't be surprised if Everton manager Gordon Lee comes knocking on your door after he reads this week's issue.

This week's second winner is Tony Griffiths (15), of Fawley, near Southampton, whose joke is about the Liverpool fan who returned home after working nightshift to be met by his distressed neighbour.

'I've got bad news,' said the neighbour. 'Your wife's run off with your best friend, your car's been stolen, your house burned down and on top of that Liverpool lost 3-2.'

'I just can't understand it,' wailed the fan. 'They were 2-0 up at half-time.'

If you know a good joke or funny story about football then why not share it with us and the rest of Match Weekly readers? We'll pay £2 for every story published — though we cannot of course guarantee to publish every one.

So if you are looking for some extra pocket money send your joke, true or false, on a postcard to Football Funnies, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB. And remember to include your name, address and age.

Countdown to a new season



PLAYERS with newly-promoted clubs talk about the leagues they left behind — and give their tips for promotion next season.

THE OTHER SIDE OF . . .

KEVIN BEATTIE

The Ipswich and England defender talks about his favourite other team and the players he worshipped as a boy.

MORE star players talk about the good and bad moments they remember from last season . . . and their hopes for next.

DON'T miss part two of your complete guide to the Scottish League Fixtures.

PLUS

There's a super cassette radio, plus lots of football prizes to be won in our free-to-enter competitions.

Changing fortunes

Four star players explain how a change in position gave them a new lease of life.

ANDY GRAY

Wolves Scottish international striker recalls his Golden Goal that lifted the League Cup at Wembley. And we show you that magic moment again in a super colour replay.

PRIZES AND SOLUTIONS

Cassette Winner

Winner of the Spot the Difference No. 19 and a cassette radio was: Gary Serry, Lingwood, Norwich, Norfolk NR13 4BD.

Five runners-up receive a football: Simon Teale, Dewsbury, West Yorks; Scott Huntley, Yeovil, Somerset; Andrew Cooke, Braunstone Firth, Leicester LE3 6NB; Susan Bradford, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks; John Whitehouse, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury SH2 5TB.

Spot the Difference solution No. 19
1. Sun now a moon. 2. Tattoo on players arm now a dagger. 3. Extra seagull. 4. Banner striped. 5. Goalkeeper now has badge on his shorts. 6. Ref now has black shorts. 7. Photographer now has chequered trousers. 8. Player (bottom left) has dark collar. 9. No. 5 has plaster on his leg. 10. No. 9 now has moustache.

Winners of the Crossword No. 41 who each receive a football

were: D. Warner, Kings Ave., Clapham, London SW4 8DE; S. Hudson, Armley, Leeds LS12 2RH; Wayne Rudall, Newport, Gwent NP1 5LR; Andrew Yorke, Arborfield, Berks RG2 9NJ; Trevor Parker, Bramhall, Nr. Stockport, Cheshire.

Crossword Answers

Across: 1. Peter Barnes. 7. Aberdeen. 8. Pratt. 10. Stoke. 12. Foster. 13. Ryan. 15. Don. 16. Dyson. 17. Dennis. 18. Wallace. 21. Rome. 22. Handled. 24. Dodd. 25. Jones. 26. Bye.
Down: 1. Pearson. 2. Tie. 3. Rodgers. 4. Ranson. 5. Sir. 6. Batson. 8. Pat Jennings. 9. Airdrie. 11. Oldham. 12. Fan. 14. Yorath. 17. Deehan. 18. Woods. 19. Leeds. 20. Hodge. 23. Lob.

Winner of the Mark the Ball Competition and £100 to spend in a sports shop was: Robert Ellis, Harlow, Essex CM19 5PF.

Second prize: £50 to spend in a sports shop, was Shaun Rogers, Boston, Lincs. Third prize: £25 to spend in a sports shop, was James Beattie,

Bromley, Kent BR2 9QA.

Twenty-five consolation prizes of leather footballs: David Butterworth, Darwen, Lancs. BB3 3BJ; Steven Jacobs, Hackney, London E8; Derek Maxfield, Halesowen, W. Midlands; Peter Mouncer, Thornton Heath, Surrey; Kevin Suter, Witney, Oxon OX8 7LN; Graham Peers, Dukes St, Cul-lompton, Devon; Andrew Hyams, Billingham, Cleveland; Ian Bennett, Chell Heath, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs; Ian Callaghan, Gunthorpe, Notts; Peter Morris, Stamford Bridge, York YO4 1AZ; Keith Wilkinson, Fairfield, Liverpool L6 3AR; Gary Martin, Brockhurst, Gosport, Hants; Peter Ballestracci, Corringham, Stanford-Le-Hope, Essex; Mathew Parkin, Wybourn, Sheffield 2; Philip Brown, Tanhouse 5, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 6ED; John Berry, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1LT; Christopher Walters, Roby, Liverpool L36 4JT; Berie Coull, Hemel Hempstead, Herts; Simon Smith, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbyshire; Ian James, Northfield, Birmingham; Paul Williams, 34 London Rd, Bedford, Beds; Jason Peters, Aston, Birmingham 6; Robert Marsh, North End, Goxhill,

Barrow-on-Humber, S. Humberside; Michael Albiston, Edmonton, London N9 8EH; Mark White, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Borussia Moenchengladbach. 2. Terry Cochrane. 3. Madrid. 4. Emlyn Hughes. 5. Fortuna Dusseldorf. 6. Gordon Smith. 7. Fulham. 8. (a) Ninian Park, (b) Sincil Bank, (c) Fir Park. 9. Hayes. 10. Southend United. 11. Ray Clemence. 12. Willie Miller. 13. Bertie Auld. 14. Ian St. John. 15. Gerd Muller.

Calendar caption winner

The June winner of the Calendar Caption Contest is Joey Lobley of Valley Grove, Pudsey, West Yorkshire.

His caption describing Ross Jenkins and Luther Blissett of Watford holding a Mitre football between their heads was:

"Perhaps two heads are better than one Luther but I MITRE scored if you had left it for me!"

matchmakers

ALAN YOUNG Leicester City

FULL NAME: Alexander Forbes Young.
BIRTH/DATE: Kirkcaldy, Fife/Oct. 26, 1955.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 0½ins./12st. 7lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Julie.
CHILDREN: Two boys, Wesley (2) and Jordan (1).
CAR: Fiat 131 Mirafiori.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Oldham Athletic.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Big Al'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Torn ankle ligaments.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish for his all round natural ability.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Leicester reserves.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Mario Kempes for the way he scores goals.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, McNeill, Moore, Cooper, Charlton R., Best, Baxter, Law, Greaves, Dalglish.
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Facchetti, Krol, Beckenbauer, Cooper, Gerson, Tostao, Rivelino, Charlton R., Pele, Law. (sub Keegan).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM: Hampden.
BEST GOAL SCORED: The one I scored against my old club Oldham at Boundary Park last year. The Oldham fans were calling me something terrible but I managed to slot one away at the popular end and it all went deathly quiet.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: A Paul Breitner goal for West Germany against Holland in the 1974 World Cup. He must have been 40 yards out.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Billy Bonds of West Ham. He's a player I really respect.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The game against Orient last season when we won 1-0 and then had to sit it out for 20 minutes before we found out we'd won the championship.
OWN MAGIC MOMENTS IN FOOTBALL: Signing for Leicester City and winning the Second Division Championship.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The disillusionment I felt as a kid trying to make it in the game. Nottingham Forest didn't want me and I left there thinking I was no good.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, squash.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good food, playing with my kids and curling up in a chair with a can of beer to watch a good film on TV.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Rain when I'm golfing and seeing kiddies ill.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Mork and Mindy and any sports programmes.
TV PERSONALITY YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Dickie Davies.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Billy Joel.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti Bolognese.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Donald Sutherland. All women are good actors!
BEST FILMS SEEN IN THE PAST YEAR: Midnight Express and Kramer v Kramer.
BEST FRIEND: Martin Henderson, my striking partner at Leicester. I've known him since I was ten years old.
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My father, Andy Lohead and Jock Wallace... for being there when I needed him.
SUPERSTITIONS: I always iron the shirt I travel to a match in.
PRE MATCH MEAL: Steak, toast and honey.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two Scottish schoolboy caps.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITIONS: To win the First Divisionship, play at Wembley and play for Scotland.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To stay in football if I'm lucky enough and good enough.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: 'Humph' — Steve Humphries, the reserve team keeper at Leicester.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Illie Nastase.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Learn to play the piano! Seriously, listen to good advice.

